

# Collin County, Texas

**Collin County** is a county in the U.S. state of Texas. As of the 2010 United States Census, the county's population was 782,341,<sup>[1]</sup> making it the seventh-most populous county in Texas and the 63rd-largest county by population in the United States. The 2017 Census Bureau estimate for Collin County's population is 969,603.<sup>[2]</sup> Its county seat is McKinney.<sup>[3]</sup>

Collin County is part of the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas Metropolitan Statistical Area. A small portion of the city of Dallas is in the county

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### County

### Collin County



The Collin County Courthouse in McKinney



Flag



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Location within the U.S. state of Texas



Texas's location within the U.S.

<b>Founded</b>	1846
<b>Named for</b>	Collin McKinney
<b>Seat</b>	McKinney
<b>Largest city</b>	Plano
<b>Area</b>	
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Total	886 <span> </span> sq <span> </span> mi (2,295 <span> </span> km <sup>2</sup> )
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Land	841 <span> </span> sq <span> </span> mi (2,178 <span> </span> km <sup>2</sup> )

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## History

Both the county and the county seat were named after Collin McKinney<sup>[4]</sup> (1766-1861), one of the five men who drafted the Texas Declaration of Independence and the oldest of the 59 men who signed it.

## Geography

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has an area of 886 square miles (2,290 km<sup>2</sup>), of which 841 square miles (2,180 km<sup>2</sup>) is land and 45 square miles (120 km<sup>2</sup>) (5.1%) is covered by water<sup>[5]</sup>

### Lakes

- Lavon Lake

### Major highways

- 75 U.S. Highway 75
- 380 U.S. Highway 380
- DNT Dallas North Tollway
- PGBT President George Bush Turnpike
- 5 State Highway 5
- 78 State Highway 78
- 289 State Highway 289
- 121  SRT State Highway 121 / Sam Rayburn Tollway
- 66 State Highway 66

### Neighbouring counties

- Grayson County (north)
- Fannin County (northeast)
- Hunt County (east)
- Rockwall County (southeast)
- Dallas County (south)
- Denton County (west)

## Demographics

### 2015 Texas Population EstimateProgram

As of the 2015 Texas Population Estimate Program, the population of the county was 923,201, non-Hispanic whites 535,165 (57.9%). Black Americans 84,858 (9.2%). Other non-Hispanic 146,109 (15.8%). Hispanics and Latinos (of any race) 157,069 (17.0%).<sup>[8]</sup>

Historical population		
Census	Pop.	%±
<b><span><span></span></span>1850</b>	1,950	—
<b><span><span></span></span>1860</b>	9,264	375.1%
<b><span><span></span></span>1870</b>	14,013	51.3%
<b><span><span></span></span>1880</b>	25,983	85.4%
<b><span><span></span></span>1890</b>	36,736	41.4%

## 2010 Census

As of the census of 2010, there were 782,341 people.

According to U.S. Census figures released in 2006, the racial makeup of the county was as follows: 77.21% White, 7.26% African American, 10.02% Asian, 0.45% Native American, 5.06% of other or mixed race. 12.8% Hispanic of any race.

## 2000 Census

As of the census<sup>[9]</sup> of 2000, there were 491,675 people, 181,970 households, and 132,292 families residing in the county. The population density was 580 people per square mile (224/km<sup>2</sup>). There were 194,892 housing units at an average density of 230 per square mile (89/km<sup>2</sup>). The racial makeup of the county was 81.39% White, 4.79% Black or African American, 0.47% Native American, 6.92% Asian, 0.05% Pacific Islander, 4.26% from other races, and 2.11% from two or more races. 10.27% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There were 181,970 households out of which 40.60% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 62.10% were married couples living together, 7.50% had a female householder with no husband present, and 27.30% were non-families. 22.10% of all households were made up of individuals and 3.10% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.68 and the average family size was 3.18. As of the 2010 census, there were about 4.4 same-sex couples per 1,000 households in the county<sup>[10]</sup>

In the county, the population was spread out with 28.70% under the age of 18, 7.40% from 18 to 24, 37.90% from 25 to 44, 20.70% from 45 to 64, and 5.30% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 33 years. For every 100 females there were 99.80 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over there were 97.80 males.

The median income for a household in the county was \$70,835, and the median income for a family was \$81,856 (these figures had risen to \$77,671 and \$91,881 respectively as of a 2007 estimate).<sup>[11]</sup> Males had a median income of \$57,392 versus \$36,604 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$33,345. About 3.30% of families and 4.90% of the population were below the poverty line, including 5.10% of those under age 18 and 7.10% of those age 65 or over. Based on median household income, as of 2006, Collin County is the second richest county in Texas after Fort Bend, and is considered one of the wealthiest counties in the United States.

However, Collin - like other Texas counties - has one of the nation's highest property tax rates. In 2007, it was #21 for property taxes as percentage of the homes value on owner occupied housing.<sup>[12]</sup> It also ranked in the Top 100 for amount of property taxes paid and for percentage of taxes of income. Part of this is due to the Robin Hood plan school financing system in Texas.<sup>[13]</sup>

## Government, Courts, and Politics

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### Government

Collin County, like all counties in Texas, is governed by a Commissioners Court. The court consists of the county judge (the chairperson of the Court), who is elected county-wide, and four commissioners who are elected by the voters in each of four precincts.<sup>[14]</sup>

### County Commissioners<sup>[15]</sup>

<b><u>1900</u></b>	50,087	36.3%
<b><u>1910</u></b>	49,021	-2.1%
<b><u>1920</u></b>	49,609	1.2%
<b><u>1930</u></b>	46,180	-6.9%
<b><u>1940</u></b>	47,190	2.2%
<b><u>1950</u></b>	41,692	-11.7%
<b><u>1960</u></b>	41,247	-1.1%
<b><u>1970</u></b>	66,920	62.2%
<b><u>1980</u></b>	144,576	116.0%
<b><u>1990</u></b>	264,036	82.6%
<b><u>2000</u></b>	491,675	86.2%
<b><u>2010</u></b>	782,341	59.1%
<b><u>Est. 2018</u></b>	<b>1,005,146</b> <sup>[2]</sup>	<b>28.5%</b>

U.S. Decennial Census<sup>[6]</sup>  
1850–2010<sup>[7]</sup> 2010–2014<sup>[1]</sup>

Office		Name	Party
	County Judge	Chris Hill	Republican
	Commissioner, Precinct 1	Susan Fletcher	Republican
	Commissioner, Precinct 2	Cheryl Williams	Republican
	Commissioner, Precinct 3	Darrell Hale	Republican
	Commissioner, Precinct 4	Duncan Webb	Republican

## County Officials<sup>[15]</sup>

Office		Name	Party
	County Clerk	Stacey Kemp	Republican
	Criminal District Attorney	Greg Willis	Republican
	District Clerk	Lynne Finley	Republican
	Sheriff	Jim Skinner	Republican
	Tax Assessor-Collector	Kenneth Maun	Republican

## Constables<sup>[15]</sup>

Office		Name	Party
	Constable, Precinct 1	Shane Williams	Republican
	Constable, Precinct 2	Gary Edwards	Republican
	Constable, Precinct 3	Sammy Knapp	Republican
	Constable, Precinct 4	Joe Wright	Republican

## Justices of the Peace<sup>[15]</sup>

Office		Name	Party
	Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1	Paul Raleeh	Republican
	Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2	Jerry Shaffer	Republican
	Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 1	Chuck Ruckel	Republican
	Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 2	Mike Missildine	Republican
	Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4	Mike Yarbrough	Republican

## Courts

### County Courts at Law<sup>[15]</sup>

Office		Name	Party
	County Court at Law 1	Corrine Mason	Republican
	County Court at Law 2	Barnett Walker	Republican
	County Court at Law 3	Lance S. Baxter	Republican
	County Court at Law 4	David Rippel	Republican
	County Court at Law 5	Dan Wilson	Republican
	County Court at Law 6	Jay A. Bender	Republican
	County Court at Law 7	David Waddill	Republican

#### County Probate Court<sup>[15]</sup>

Office		Name	Party
	County Probate Court 1	Weldon Copeland	Republican

#### District Courts<sup>[15]</sup>

Office		Name	Party
	199th District Court	Angela Tucker	Republican
	219th District Court	Jennifer Edgeworth	Republican
	296th District Court	John Roach, Jr.	Republican
	366th District Court	Ray Wheless	Republican
	380th District Court	Benjamin N. Smith	Republican
	401st District Court	Mark Rusch	Republican
	417th District Court	Cynthia Wheless	Republican
	429th District Court	Jill Willis	Republican
	469th District Court	Piper McCraw	Republican
	470th District Court	Emily Miskel	Republican

### Politics

Collin County is a Republican stronghold in presidential and congressional elections. The last Democrat to win the county was Lyndon Johnson in 1964. The factors caused Collin to swing hard to the Republican Party in the 1960s and 1970s: and the expansion of the Dallas suburbs into Collin County

Presidential elections results

[show]

#### Presidential elections results<sup>[16]</sup>

#### State Board of Education member<sup>[17]</sup>

Year	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Third parties</u>
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District		Name	Party
	District 12	Pam Little	Republican

#### Texas State Representatives<sup>[17]</sup>

District	Name	Party	Residence
District 33	Justin Holland	Republican	Heath
District 66	Matt Shaheen	Republican	Plano
District 67	Jeff Leach	Republican	Plano
District 70	Scott Sanford	Republican	McKinney
District 89	Candy Noble	Republican	N/A

## Texas State Senators<sup>[17]</sup>

District	Name	Party	Residence
District 8	<u>Angela Paxton</u>	Republican	N/A
District 30	Pat Fallon	Republican	N/A

## United States Representatives<sup>[17]</sup>

District	Name	Party	Residence
<u>Texas's 3rd congressional district</u>	<u>Van Taylor</u>	Republican	Plano
<u>Texas's 4th congressional district</u>	<u>John Ratcliffe</u>	Republican	Heath
<u>Texas's 32nd congressional district</u>	<u>Colin Allred</u>	Democrat	Dallas

# Education

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The following school districts lie entirely within Collin County:

- Allen Independent School District
- Anna Independent School District
- Farmersville Independent School District
- Lovejoy Independent School District
- McKinney Independent School District
- Melissa Independent School District
- Plano Independent School District
- Princeton Independent School District
- Wylie Independent School District

The following districts lie partly within the county:

- Bland Independent School District(very small part only)
- Blue Ridge Independent School District
- Celina Independent School District
- Community Independent School District
- Frisco Independent School District
- Leonard Independent School District(very small part only)
- Prosper Independent School District
- Royse City Independent School District
- Trenton Independent School District(very small part only)
- Van Alstyne Independent School District(very small part only)
- Whitewright Independent School District(very small part only)

## Colleges and universities

Collin College <sup>[18]</sup> opened its first campus on Highway 380 in McKinney in 1985. The college has grown to seven campuses/locations—two in McKinney and two in Plano and as well as Frisco, Allen and Rockwall. Dallas Baptist University <sup>[19]</sup> also has an extension site in Frisco, DBU Frisco. The majority of the University of Texas at Dallas campus in Richardson, Texas lies within Collin County<sup>[20]</sup>

## Parks

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Collin County Parks and Open Spaces

- Bratonia Park
- Myers Park
- Parkhill Prairie
- Sister Grove Park
- Trinity Trail
- Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary

## Media

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Collin County is part of the Dallas/Fort Worth DMA. Local media outlets are: KDFW-TV, KXAS-TV, WFAA-TV, KTVT-TV, KERA-TV, KTXA-TV, KDFI-TV, KDAF-TV, and KFWD-TV. Other nearby stations that provide coverage for Collin County come from the Sherman/Denison market and they include: KTEN-TV and KXII-TV.

Newspapers in the Collin County area include the Allen American, Celina Record, Frisco Enterprise, McKinney Courier-Gazette, and the Plano Star-Courier. Nearby publications The Dallas Morning News and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram also provide news coverage of cities in the county

## Communities

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### Cities (multiple counties)

- Carrollton (mostly in Dallas and Denton counties)
- Celina (small part in Denton County)
- Dallas (mostly in Dallas County with small parts in Denton, Kaufman, Rockwall and Collin counties)
- Frisco (partly in Denton County)
- Garland (mostly in Dallas County and a small part in Rockwall County)
- Josephine (small part in Hunt County)
- Plano (small part in Denton County)
- Richardson (mostly in Dallas County)
- Royse City (mostly in Rockwall County and partly Hunt County)
- Sachse (mostly in Dallas County)
- Van Alstyne (mostly in Grayson County)
- Wylie (small parts in Rockwall and Dallas counties)

### Cities

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| ▪ <u>Allen</u>          | ▪ <u>McKinney</u> |
| ▪ <u>Anna</u>           | ▪ <u>Melissa</u>  |
| ▪ <u>Blue Ridge</u>     | ▪ <u>Murphy</u>   |
| ▪ <u>Farmersville</u>   | ▪ <u>Nevada</u>   |
| ▪ <u>Lavon</u>          | ▪ <u>Parker</u>   |
| ▪ <u>Lowry Crossing</u> | ▪ <u>Weston</u>   |
| ▪ <u>Lucas</u>          |                   |

## Towns

- [Fairview](#)
- [Hebron](#) (mostly in [Denton County](#))
- [New Hope](#)
- [Prosper](#) (small part in [Denton County](#))
- [St. Paul](#)

## Census-designated place

- [Westminster](#)

## Other unincorporated communities

- [Altoga](#)
- [Arnold](#)
- [Beverly Hill](#)
- [Bloomdale](#)
- [Branch](#)
- [Buckner](#)
- [Chambersville](#)
- [Chambliss](#)
- [Clear Lake](#)
- [Climax](#)
- [Collin](#)
- [Copeville](#)
- [Cowley](#)
- [Culleoka](#)
- [Deep Water Point Estates](#)
- [Desert](#)
- [Fayburg](#)
- [Forest Grove](#)
- [Frognot](#)
- [Kelly](#)
- [Lavon Beach Estates](#)
- [Lavon Shores Estates](#)
- [Little Ridge](#)
- [Marilee](#)
- [Milligan](#)
- [Millwood](#)
- [New Mesquite](#)
- [Pebble Beach Sunset Acres](#)
- [Pecan Grove](#)
- [Pike](#)
- [Rhea Mills](#)
- [Rockhill](#)
- [Roland](#)
- [Sedalia](#)
- [Snow Hill](#)
- [Trinity Park](#)
- [Valdasta](#)
- [Verona](#)
- [Walnut Grove](#)
- [Wetsel](#)
- [Winningkoff](#)
- [Yucote Acres](#)

## Historical communities

- [Lebanon](#)
- [Lolaville](#)
- [Renner](#)
- [Shepton](#)

## Ghost towns

- [Biggers](#)
- [Nickelville](#)
- [Parris](#)

## Notable people

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- The Texas rancher and gunfighter [King Fisher](#) was born in Collin County in 1854.
- [Frank Shelby Groner](#) (1877-1943) Lawyer, pastor, and educator.



## See also

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- [List of museums in North Texas](#)
- [National Register of Historic Places listings in Collin County Texas](#)
- [Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks in Collin County](#)

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## External links

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  - [1846 Plat of Buckner](#)the first county seat of Collin Countyfrom the Collin County Historical Societyhosted by the [Portal to Texas History](#)
  - [Life in Collin County](#)
  - [Collin County in\*Handbook of Texas Online\*](#) at the [University of Texas](#)
  - [Collin Chronicles](#)hosted by the [Portal to Texas History](#)
  - [Texas State Election History](#)
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